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IN RE APPLICATION OF

SZENTE ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/559,524

FILED: July 14, 2006

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING  
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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The Office Action of March 13, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 13, 2007. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Applicant files a Continuation Application concurrently, US Serial No. 11/838329 filed August 14, 2007.

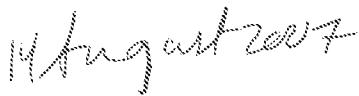
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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